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APPLICANTS: Zillies et al.
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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING FORCES TO BE
APPLIED TO A USER THROUGH A HAPTIC INTERFACE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 4, 2002, enclosed are 13 sheets of Formal Drawings.

A copy of the Notice is also enclosed. The Notice indicates that pages 7 and 9 of the specification appear to have been omitted. (emphasis added) The Notice directs that a petition and the fee required under 37 CFR 1.182 (i.e., \$130) be submitted within two months, if the applicants contend that the pages were in fact deposited. Applicants reserve the right to petition; however, Applicants believe that another avenue is available to them to resolve this matter.

Applicants enclose a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal (UPAT) form submitted as part of the instant application on October 26, 2001, by Express Mail. The UPAT indicates at box 4(b) that the oath or declaration is copied from a prior application in conformity with 37 CFR 1.63(d).

Additionally, box 5 Incorporation by Reference, of the UPAT has been checked, which incorporates “[t]he entire Disclosure of the prior application” The UPAT indicates at box 17 that the instant application was filed claiming priority as a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/324,137, filed June 2, 1999, which application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/627,432, filed April 4, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,111,577 issued August 29, 2000 to Zilles et al. In addition, Box 17

of the UPAT requests amendment of the specification to include a statement incorporating the entire disclosure of each of the aforementioned applications by reference into the application.

Accordingly, the text of pages 7 and 9, copies of which are enclosed, is found at pages 7 and 9, respectively, of the parent application and at pages 7 and 9, respectively, of the grandparent application. Applicants believe that pages 7 and 9 were included in the application as submitted, as evidenced by the copy of the application in Applicants' file, as well as the stamped return receipt postcard. However, even if pages 7 and 9 had been omitted, Applicants now present copies of pages 7 and 9 of the grandparent application U.S.S.N. 08/627,432 and copy the disclosure presented therein into the application, using the rights and privileges conferred by the aforementioned incorporation by reference in Box 5. The disclosure of page 7 appears at column 4, line 53 through column 5, line 27 of U.S. Patent 6,111,577, and the disclosure of page 9 appears at column 6, lines 3-42 of U.S. Patent 6,111,577, copies of which are appended hereto for the convenience of the Patent Office. Accordingly, there can be no issue relating to the introduction of new matter.

Please insert the disclosure presented on the appended page 7 into the application immediately after the last word appearing on page 6. Please insert the disclosure presented on the appended page 9 into the application immediately after the last word appearing on page 8.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application as presented and as amended by the preliminary amendment filed with the application, as indicated at Box 11 of the UPAT, is in condition for examination and allowance.

The Office of Initial Patent Examination and the Examiner are invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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